

**MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

**Board Members:**

Mark Scappe - Excused  
John Hertzler – Present  
Tom Weaver - Present  
William Kammerer - Present  
James Vitale – Present

**Also, in Attendance:**

Lynn Colosi, Delta Development Group, Inc.  
Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry  
Todd Alexander, Esq., Mills & Henry  
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm  
Brian Krul, TranSystems  
Mike Hnat, TranSystems  
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group  
Dave Worst, Larson Design Group  
Damon Rhodes, Larson Design Group

**Call to Order**

In Mr. Scappe’s absence, Mr. Hertzler opened the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Hertzler conducted roll call. Except for Mr. Scappe, who was excused, all Board members were present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Mr. Kammerer to approve Minutes for the regular meeting of January 2023. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Financial**

### **a. Payment of December 2022/January 2023 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi presented revenues and expenditures for the month. There were no revenues and expenditures were \$107,587.41.

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale to pay December 2022/January 2023 invoices as submitted by the Executive Director. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 4-0.

### **b. 2022 Cash Flow Update**

Ms. Colosi reviewed January 2023 cash flow with the Board, specifically noting that – as per the Board’s direction – work will advance on Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC) Final Design commensurate with MTA’s budget and funding availability. Ms. Colosi also informed the Board that Smith Packett, developer of a senior living facility in Marketplace District, will be submitting a contribution for soft costs of Montour Run-Marketplace Boulevard reconstruction as required in their developer’s agreement with Moon Township.

### **c. Capital Projects Budget Update**

MTA is advancing all the Township’s priority projects as reported by Ms. Colosi.

Montour Run-Marketplace Boulevard reconstruction is in Final Design and anticipated to be let for construction in December 2023 or January 2024. There was a brief conversation about the status of Kossman’s development, which according to the Board, seems to have stalled lately.

Rouser Road Connector (RRC) is nearing completion of Final Design and was recently issued a work order supplement to modify the slope/grade of RRC to accommodate property owners in the corridor.

SMC was reported on previously by Ms. Colosi, who confirmed with the Board that SMC has commenced Final Design. Mr. Kammerer inquired about Pittsburgh Regional Transit’s (PRT) park and ride in the SMC corridor and whether it will be used for development. Ms. Colosi said she has had discussions with PRT, which didn’t result in any conclusion. Considering the underutilized and deplorable condition of the park and ride it likely has a higher and better use.

Relative to University Boulevard/Business I-376 Offsites, Ms. Colosi reported that she spoke with PennDOT Central Office, which owns both roads, about how best to fund Final Design and whether PennDOT can contribute funding. Ms. Colosi has not yet heard back from PennDOT.

Hirshinger Pedestrian/Bike Pathway and Marketplace Boulevard Extension continue through preliminary planning phases. Ms. Colosi reported that she will be inviting a representative from the Commonwealth Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to visit Hirshinger and advise on how best to fund the project.

## **Project Updates**

### **a. Stevenson Mill Connector/Rouser Road Connector/Offsites**

Mr. Krul, TranSystems' project executive, gave a brief update on the projects. Ms. Colosi previously reported during the Capital Budget update that a work order supplement for RRC Final Design was executed. Mr. Krul confirmed that geometric revisions to RRC grade were underway as well as permitting. Mr. Hnat reported that property stakes along RRC will be revised according to the new grade; so, property owners will see less of an impact to their yards/driveways.

### **b. Marketplace District Improvements**

Mr. Hokenbrough, project manager, Larson Design Group (LDG), gave an update on Marketplace initiatives. (Ms. Colosi previously reported on some progress during her Capital Budget report.)

The focus of LDG's update was presentation of a third alignment option for Marketplace Boulevard Extension as directed by MTA's Board at the January meeting. The Board gathered around a map depicting three potential alignments for the Extension and discussed which was most beneficial to moving traffic away from Sippel's residential development, facilitating economic development, increasing tax base and creating jobs. All three alignments, according to LDG, have significant earthwork and grading costs due to the challenging topography of Marketplace District. However, alignment two, according to LDG, is the least costly relative to earthwork/grading and opens more of the currently inaccessible land for development. Based on the discussion, the Board agreed that alignment two is the most desirable as well. Ms. Colosi noted that there might be other ways to handle earthwork and grading through a partnership with property owners in the district. As such, Ms. Colosi is going to meet with the district's main property owner - Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) - to discuss other ways to accomplish earthwork and grading and will report results back to the Board.

Ms. Colosi reported that Hirshinger Pedestrian/Bike Pathway alternatives analysis work order has \$12,000 remaining and requested that those funds be moved to Marketplace Boulevard Extension work order to evaluate and finalize the preferred alternative for the Extension.

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale to reallocate \$12,000 from Hirshinger Pedestrian/Bike Pathway work order to Marketplace Boulevard Extension design workshop (alternatives analysis) work order. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Other Items of Interest**

Ms. Colosi noted that she provided the Board with a 2023 meeting schedule in their Board materials packet.

There were no other items of interest.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Executive Session – if necessary**

There was not an Executive Session.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business before the MTA Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Weaver. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.